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Dear Josh:

I was delighted to receive your letter from Australia and to find out that you had in general a good time in Fiji and Melbourne.

I would like to give you some advice concerning Calcutta, Delhi and Bombay except that I do not know Calcutta and you probably will be taken care of by Haldane and the local people there. While in Delhi, you should definitely make an effort to see Agra not only for the Taj Mahal but also for a visit to the Agra Fort and a near-by dead city, the name of which escapes me although it served as the capitol for the first empire of the Mongolian dynasty.

While staying in Bombay, you should definitely make a trip to Poona and see on the way the Caria caves with their fantastic carvings from the early Buddhist era. A trip to Elephanta Island would be also highly recommended. The Indians are not very good as tourist guides, and they forget that the scientist sometimes wishes to see other things than laboratories lecture halls and etc. They have to be helped to include extracurricular activities, and you should do that immediately upon your arrival.

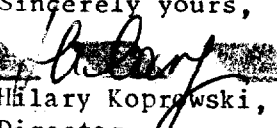
I heard from Burnet himself that he is less interested in influenza work and that he will undertake studies on cell individualization, tolerance and oncology. I also was very interested in the question of recombination of the influenza virus strain. You are actually the first person who could examine the problem critically in Burnet's own laboratory outside his own group and I am very glad to learn that you consider recombination a reality.

I am still very anxious to see you and to discuss with you problems arising at the Wistar Institute. I spent two days last week with George Klein in Stockholm and he has suggested Charles Ford from the Harwell Laboratory in England to replace him. Ford is essentially a cytologist and I am not certain that this is what we want. Anyway, we are waiting with the replacement for Klein until late Spring or Summer next year when the laboratories will be completed. I hope to discuss the scheme of extramural consultants sometime next week with Foundations in Philadelphia and we may get some results with this discussion.

Would you consider coming East the day before your Harvey lecture or staying a day over and then coming to Philadelphia and going back from here home?

I hope that you will also consider staying at my house when you come in March since we live 5 miles from Haverford College. With best wishes and personal regards to you and Esther.

Sincerely yours,


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